

JOINT SESSION

The Legislature Listens to the Governor's Message And Then Both Branches Adjourn Until Monday.

MILEAGE QUESTION FIXED.

Some of the Measures That Will Be Introduced.

The Republican Howl Still Going Up for Economy

But It Is Because That Party's Representatives Can Do Nothing But Howl—Something About the Personalities of the Legislature—Gossip About the Hotel Lobbies of a Political Cast—The Governor Notified of the Organization of Both Houses—Many Members Go Early to Avoid the Rush—New Measures.

It was twelve minutes past 10 o'clock when Secretary of State Claude Matthews mounted the stairs to the speaker's rostrum in the house chamber Thursday morning and called the representatives to order. The sun was shining brightly without and sent its rays streaming down through the windows, giving the room a cheerful appearance. A half dozen ladies occupied seats at either side of the chamber, among them being Mrs. Claude Matthews. The lobby in the rear of the chamber was crowded and the seats along the sides were all taken. Many of the members had become impatient for the business of the session to begin. Some had been in their seats for almost two hours. Representative O. C. McCorkle of Tippecanoe county had been one of the first arrivals and Andrew J. Stakelake was another. Both are here for the first time as law-makers. Dr. Passage of Peru, who is frequently told that he much resembles ex-Governor Gray, was in his seat at 8:30 o'clock, and just to the rear of him was John M. Blair of Cass county, another early bird. Representative Behmer of Madison



county was in the house long before 9 o'clock, and before the session commenced had succeeded in riding himself of considerable correspondence. Hiram Gill of Huntington, whom everybody knows, was there early, meeting the members as they came in, and Richard K. Erwin of Adams was in his place not long after the doors were opened. Capt. Curtis of Marion entered the chamber shortly before the body was called to order and dropped into a seat back among the Marion county members, where he remained until he was escorted to the speaker's chair to preside during the session. All the Marion county members were in their seats early.

The next business was the election of officers, and Secretary of State Matthews called for nominations for speaker. Frank D. Ader of Montgomery county, on behalf of the democrats, nominated James B. Curtis of Marion county, and Representative Haggard of Tippecanoe county nominated A. O. Lindemuth of Wayne county on behalf of the republicans. In the vote Mr. Curtis and Mr. Lindemuth exchanged courtesies. Mr. Curtis received 63 votes, Mr. Lindemuth 37, and the former was declared elected. Representatives Cullop of Knox county and Lindemuth of Wayne were appointed a committee to escort Mr. Curtis to the chair. Upon mounting the rostrum the newly elected speaker was given a hearty reception by both sides of the house. After bowing his acknowledgments he spoke as follows:



In the vote of confidence which has been extended to me by my selection as your presiding officer, there has been given that assurance which carries with it the conclusion that my efforts will meet with the support of the members. Not only the majority, but the minority must come to my support, if the wishes of the people of Indiana are to be considered. Many embarrassing circumstances will arise, but it is my hope that the people of Indiana will not be disappointed. Public expenditures will largely occupy your attention. You, republicans or democrats, let us show to the people of Indiana that its legislature is a business body, capable of caring for the wants of the people in an economical manner, always considering the demands which cannot be ignored. As a presiding officer it will afford me pleasure to approach the dignity of a judicial func-



tionary as nearly as possible. Man is mortal and mistakes are common, therefore if my judgment at any time seems to be wrong, judge not too harshly, but lend me that aid and forbearance which will enable me to avoid future error. It is my hope to please the majority, and it is my sincere wish to please the minority.

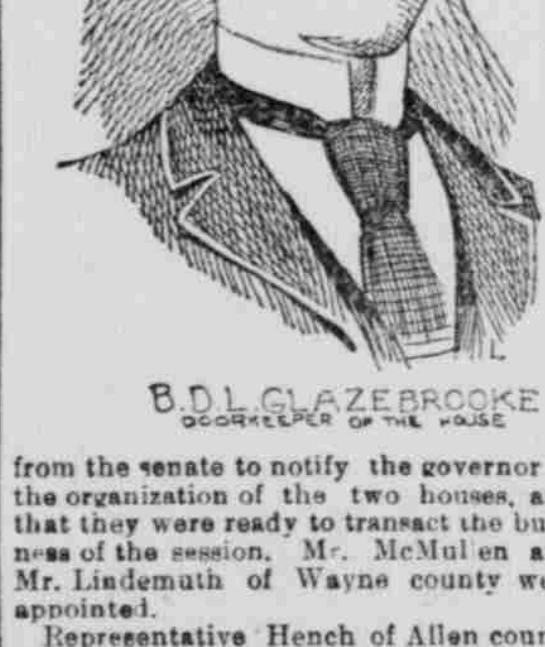
When Mr. Curtis had finished he turned to where Judge Hackney had been sitting to take the oath of office, but Judge Hackney was not there. He had business in the supreme court room, and had stepped over there for a few minutes. Short delay followed. When he returned the oath was administered, and Mr. Curtis was duly installed as speaker of the Fifty-eighth session of the house. Mr. Curtis said that he understood that there were several members of the house who had not taken the oath of office on account of their religious beliefs. He requested all such to stand up and be affirmed. Mr. White of Henry calmly arose and took the oath of affirmation.



Chief Clerk of the House. The speaker then announced that the election of chief clerk of the house was next in order. Mr. Higbee of Sullivan county nominated Charles E. Crawley of the same county, and Scott Miller of Hendricks county was placed in nomination by Representative Hainrick of Hendricks. Crawley received sixty-three votes and Miller thirty-seven.

For assistant clerk John D. Carter of Orange county and William E. Clinton of Union were named. Carter received sixty-three votes, the full strength of the democratic side, and Ennis the thirty-seven republican votes. For doorkeeper B. D. L. Glazebrooke of Starke county was named by the democrats, and James M. Southard of Clinton received the thirty-seven complimentary votes of the republicans.

The election being over Speaker Curtis declared Messrs. Crawley, Carter and Glazebrooke elected, and the oath of office was administered to them. At this stage in the proceedings a message was received from the senate, announcing that that body had agreed to preside during the session, and was ready for the transaction of business.



Representative McMullen offered a resolution asking that a committee be appointed to act jointly with a committee from the senate to notify the governor of the organization of the two houses, and that they were ready to transact the business of the session. Mr. McMullen and Mr. Lindemuth of Wayne county were appointed.

Representative Hinch of Allen county moved that a committee be appointed to notify the senate of the organization of the house. Representatives Hinch and Haggard were appointed for this committee. On motion of Representative Ader of Putnam county the rules of the last house were adopted until further orders. On motion of Representative Cullop of Knox county, a committee, divided consisting of Representatives Cullop of Knox, Deary of Marion, Sexton of Rush, Askren of Floyd and Bryant of Gibson, was appointed to determine the number of employees the house will have and to fix their salaries. The second day's session of the general assembly was more interesting than the first and the crowds in the lobby were greater. Members of both houses were in their seats early and until they were called to order listened to the importunities of applicants for office. The candidates for librarian were all on hand and two lady applicants showed as much ability in their canvass for notes as did the gentleman applicants.

senate Thursday, including the one calling for a joint session of the two houses, memory of the late Governor Hovey at 3 o'clock Monday, was adopted.

Representative Cullop moved that a committee of three be appointed to act with a like committee from the senate to arrange for the ceremonies attending the inauguration of Governor-elect Matthews. Mr. Cullop of Knox, Redman of Vermillion and Sulzer of Jefferson were appointed.

Representative Sulzer, who is posing as one of the republican leaders, caused a flurry among the members at this point in the proceedings by offering the following resolution:

Whereas, The competition produced by the sale of the products of prison labor has injured the honest manufacturer, engaged in the production of like materials by decreasing the production and the market value of their output, and thereby reducing the wages paid to laborers engaged in the production of such goods, and

Whereas, This injurious competition extends to many different lines of manufactures; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a special committee of five members be appointed to investigate the matter of prison labor and its effects upon the wages of laboring men, and report to this house, by bill or otherwise, the best method of eliminating in whole or in part the injurious effects of the employment of convict labor.



A motion to refer the resolution to the proper committee, to be appointed by the speaker, by Representative Hinch of Allen county prevailed.

Representative Johnson of Marion county offered a resolution denying book agents, newsmen and solicitors of aims the privilege of the floor of the house. It carried.

On motion of Representative Ader, the reading of the journal was dispensed with, and the house took a recess of fifteen minutes to await the arrival of the senate, when in joint session they would listen to the reading of the governor's message.

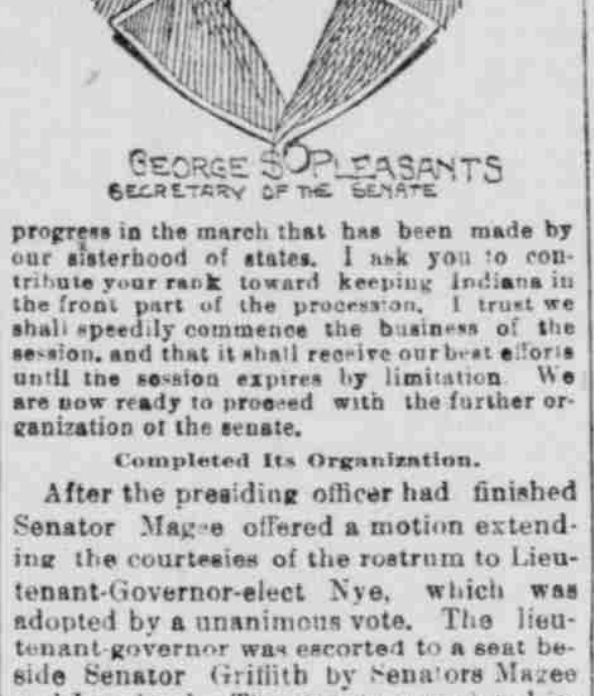
ORGANIZATION OF THE SENATE. Everything Passed Off Quietly—Republicans Do Some Talking. Promptly at 10 o'clock Thursday morning Senator Griffith walked to the presiding officer's rostrum and asked his colleagues of the senate to take the seats assigned them. When the body came to order before beginning the deliberations the Rev. Henry A. Buchtel, pastor of the Central-ave. Methodist Episcopal church, offered a fervent prayer invoking the blessing of the divinity upon the members and their deliberations. Special guidance was asked that right and justice prevail in the face of partisan clamor.

Senator Griffith then announced that Auditor of State Henderson would call the roll of hold-over senators, which was done, and all answered to their names with the exception of Senator Kennedy. All of the newly elected senators were present. After the roll-call the oath of office was administered to the new members by Judge Howard of the supreme court. This business completed, Senator Magee was called to the chair by the presiding officer. On motion of Senator McCullough of Tippecanoe county the senate proceeded to the election of a president pro tem. This was done for the reason of a doubt existing of the legality of the power of the officer to hold over.

that he felt honored in having the opportunity of presenting Senator Griffith the second time.

On assuming the chair Senator Griffith made a brief and modest speech of acceptance of the honor. He said:

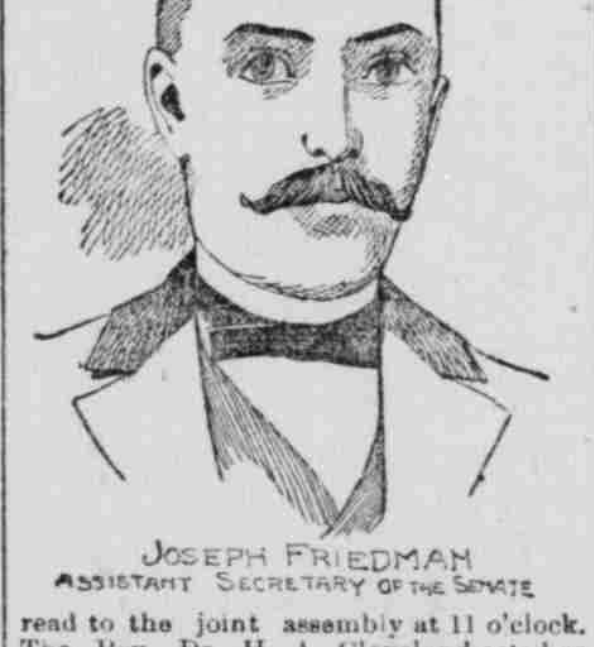
Sensors, for this renewed expression of your confidence I desire to thank you. I shall not interrupt the proceedings of this day with any extended remarks. I trust that during the present session our relations shall be agreeable and harmonious. I greet you all, the old members and the new, and can say to the new members they will find the senators holding over every one a gentleman. I trust the interests of the state of Indiana will receive proper consideration at your hands. We have a state of which every citizen of Indiana is proud. It stands us in hand to keep pace with the rapid



progress in the march that has been made by our sisterhood of states. I ask you to contribute your rank toward keeping Indiana in the front rank of the nation. I trust we shall speedily commence the business of the session, and that it shall receive our best efforts until the session expires by limitation. We are now ready to proceed with the further organization of the senate.

Completed Its Organization. After the presiding officer had finished Senator Magee offered a motion extending the courtesies of the rostrum to Lieutenant-Governor-elect Nye, which was carried. The lieutenant-governor was escorted to a seat beside Senator Griffith by Senators Magee and Loveland. The senate completed its organization by the election of the secretary, assistant secretary and doorkeeper of the body. George S. Pleasant of Switzerland county, Joseph F. Friedman of Dubois county and W. T. Mann of Allen county, the caucus nominees of the democrats, were chosen for the respective positions.

The first resolution of the session after the permanent organization was one offered by Senator McCullough that the rules of the Fifty-seventh general assembly govern the deliberations of the body until new rules can be adopted. The resolution also provided for the selection of a committee of five for preparing the rules, and the committee was named as follows: Senators McCullough, Kern, Leyden, Loveland and Newby.



Senator Boyd and Senator Magee were upon the floor at once seeking the recognition of the chair, and oddly enough to present resolutions of similar purport. Senator Boyd was recognized, and offered a resolution to the effect that the senate take appropriate action upon the death of Governor A. P. Hovey and that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a memorial. Senator Magee amended the resolution to make the matter a special order for Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

This was accepted and the president designated Senators Boyd of Hamilton, Lynn of Harrison and Smith of Blackford to act as a memorial committee. In fixing the mileage of each member a railway guide is used, and it is a very simple affair. Senators Griffith and Lynn are the only members of the senate who had to stage it. Mr. Lynn must take the stage to New Albany from his home in Indianapolis, and Senator Griffith must travel thirty-two miles by wagon road to Madison. The senators were not in a hurry to report for duty, as it was generally understood that nothing could be done, and that the session was held for the sole purpose of hearing the Chase-Roberts message

a call of the roll four representatives and two senators were discovered absent. President Griffith named Representatives Cullop of Knox and Hord of Marion and Senator McHugh of Tippecanoe a committee to wait on Governor Chase and notify him that the two houses in joint session were ready to receive any communication he might have for them. The committee retired and was absent but a moment when it returned with the governor and his private secretary, Mr. Roberts. There was applause when Governor Chase entered. When order was restored President Griffith announced that the joint session would hear the reading of the governor's message (which is published on another page). It was read by Mr. Roberts and consumed fifty minutes' time. During the reading a score or more ladies entered and occupied seats in the ladies' gallery. Ex-Governor Porter listened attentively to it, as did also the next governor, Mr. Matthews.

Convening the Vote. When the reading was finished President Griffith announced that the next thing in order would be the canvassing of the vote for governor and lieutenant-governor. Mr. Ader then stated that by the power vested in him by the constitution he had received and opened the canvasses of the votes cast for governor and lieutenant-governor. He then read the vote, which was as follows:

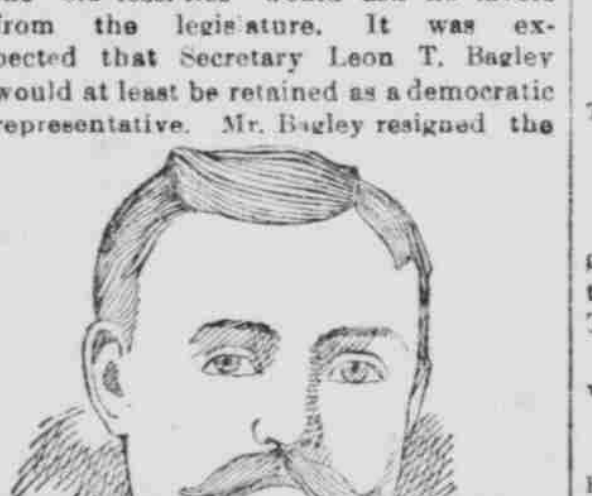
FOR GOV. Matthew (D.) 250,601 Chase (R.) 25,925

FOR LIEUTENANT-GOV. Nye (D.) 250,394 Boyd (R.) 25,294

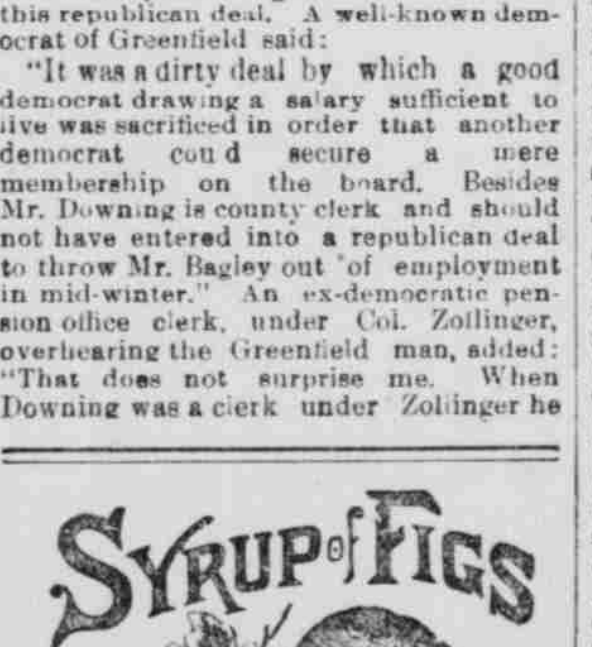
Immediately following the reading of the vote President Griffith of the senate declared Mr. Matthews elected governor and Mr. Nye lieutenant-governor. The joint session then adjourned.

LEGISLATORS SURPRISED. Deal by Which Secretary Bagley of the State Board Was Defeated.

There was considerable comment in the lobby yesterday over the clean sweep made by the republicans of the state board of agriculture in the election of officers. It was generally interpreted that the "old fossils" would ask no favors from the legislature. It was expected that Secretary Leon T. Bagley would at least be retained as a democratic representative. Mr. Bagley resigned the



city clerkship of Huntington to accept this office and moved his family here in order to devote his whole time to the fair. He made an efficient and progressive officer, and his defeat was a general surprise to the members of the legislature. Two democratic members of the board, newly elected, voted for Kennedy, his republican opponent. They were Messrs. Downing and McElwain. Downing explained that he had entered into a deal with Kennedy by which the latter supported him for membership on the board. Besides Mr. Downing is county clerk and should not have entered into a republican deal to throw Mr. Bagley out of employment in mid-winter. An ex-democratic pension office clerk, under Col. Zollinger, overhauling the Greenfield man, added: "That does not surprise me. When Downing was a clerk under Zollinger he

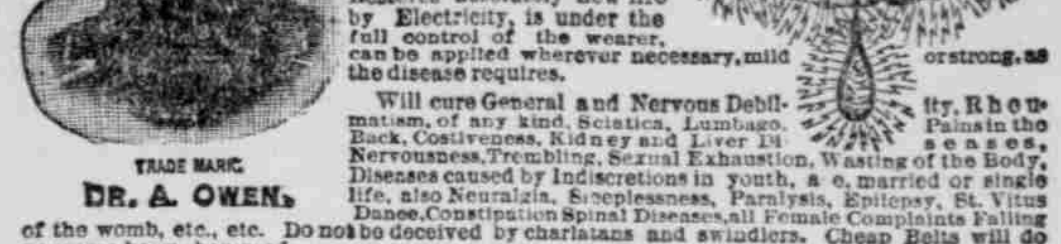


It was a dirty deal by which a good democratic drawing salary sufficient to live was sacrificed in order that another democrat could secure a mere membership on the board. Besides Mr. Downing is county clerk and should not have entered into a republican deal to throw Mr. Bagley out of employment in mid-winter. An ex-democratic pension office clerk, under Col. Zollinger, overhauling the Greenfield man, added: "That does not surprise me. When Downing was a clerk under Zollinger he

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was the greatest kicker against Cleveland because four republicans were retained in the pension office, yet when he became county clerk soon after he retained his republican predecessor as chief deputy. Some of the officials in the state house who had assisted Downing at the request of Mr. Esh Marsh became quite indignant when they found out he would vote against Bagley, as the latter had the support of every man in the state house. It was to these men and to a SENTINEL reporter that Mr. Downing explained his deal with Kennedy, at the same time complaining that Bagley had declined to enter into any deal at which a state officer remarked: "If Bagley had been guilty of interfering in the election of members of a board of which he is a creature, he would not deserve to retain his office or be a fit man for any other position."

FATAL EXPLOSION OF GAS.

Three Killed and Others Severely Injured at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Jan. 7.—By an explosion of gas this morning a house was wrecked, three persons killed and several injured. The list of the killed is as follows: THOMAS DOVEY, aged thirty-five, iron worker. Mrs. SOPHIA DOVEY, aged thirty-three, daughter of Mrs. DOVEY, aged two years. WILLIAM DOVEY, aged seven, burned and hurt by bricks, taken to South-side hospital. WILLIAM HARRIS, iron worker, severely burned. Child of Mrs. Harris, burned and severely bruised.

The explosion occurred in the three-story brickhouse at 1010 Sarah-st., which was jointly occupied by the families of Thomas Dovey and William Harris. The latter family has three rooms on the third floor. Harris goes to work at 7 o'clock. He arose shortly after 6 o'clock, leaving his wife and child in bed, and taking the shuttle in one hand and a lighted lamp in the other, started down stairs to the cellar for coal. The house was closed at the time, as the Dovey family was yet in bed. Harris thought he recognized a smell of gas, but was not alarmed, not thinking of any danger. He opened the cellar door and started slowly down the steps, trying to shield the lamp from fear that a stronger gust of icy air might blow up the stairs into the warmer atmosphere above might blow out the light. Harris reached the bottom steps when suddenly the very air seemed turned to fire, which for a moment blinded him and caused intense pain. At the same time he felt himself caught and hurled half way up the steps while his lighted lamp was shattered against a post. The neighborhood was shaken by the terrific explosion and the fire spread in all directions. Harris, for a moment, then the roof fell in, followed by the right wall. The upper floor was crushed in and fell, carrying it to the first, which held, and this alone saved Harris' life. Meanwhile the harvest had been sown for the Dovey family was wiped out of existence, save the young son, and he may die. The second floor, the brick wall and the roof simply crashed the ceiling as though it was paper, and the sleeping ones calmly in their beds. Thomas Dovey, his wife and the child in the cradle by their side, were awakened only to be crushed and buried in the ruins. A policeman passing sent in an alarm at once and soon a large force of men placed at work to rescue the imprisoned inmates. Mrs. Harris and her child were found easily and taken out. They were cut and badly frightened. William Harris was taken out easily, but it took twenty minutes to dig him out where the floors were imprisoned. They were alive when reached, but died as they were being taken out.

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Dry Shoes. (Street & South of New.) Mother: "Ar'n't your shoes wet?" Little Dick: "No'm." "Weren't you out in the rain?" "Yes'm." "Did you wear rubbers?" "No'm." "Then your shoes must be wet." "No'm, I kept 'em dry." "How?" "Left 'em in the house." A Day on "Change." [S. Y. Weekly.] Wall-st. Man (11 a. m.)—"Never saw such luck! I'll have to sell my summer cottage and horses if this keeps on." Same Man (2 p. m.)—"Hello! I'll have a place up the Hudson next summer and come to business on a steam yacht." Same Man (4 p. m.)—"Say, old boy, lend me 5 cents to pay street car fare, will you?" Women, from their sedentary habits, are often subject to headache and constipation. These are quickly removed by Carter's Little Liver Pills.